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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner: **Asghar H. Bilgrami**

For: **SEAMLESS FAIL-OVER SUPPORT FOR VIRTUAL INTERFACE  
ARCHITECTURE (VIA) OR THE LIKE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated **December 29, 2006**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.